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SUBJECT: CHINESE COMPLAINT RE VISA FORM LETTER

REF: (A) PEKING 396 (B) STATE 37193

1. ON MARCH 12 CONSULAR DEPARTMENT TELEPHONED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO OUR MARCH 1 REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR HOLDRIDGE WITH TIEN P'ING AND MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 13.

2. HOLDRIDGE MADE ORAL PRESENTATION CLOSELY FOLLOWING PARA 2
REFTEL B.

3. TIEN P'ING REPLIED THAT AT THE LAST MEETING HE HAD
EXPRESSED THE SOLEMN ATTITUDE OF HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS
OCCASIONED BY THE DOCUMENT USLO HAD SENT TO THE PEOPLE'S
PRINTING HOUSE AND WHICH HAD INSULTED THE CHINESE COMMUNIST
PARTY. HE SAID THAT SINCE HE HAD EXPRESSED THIS "SOLEMN ATTITUDE"
PREVIOUSLY HE DID NOT HAVE TO REPEAT IT.

4. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT HE APPRECIATED THE VIEWPOINT
WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY HOLDRIDGE ON BEHALF OF THE USG.
THE USG, HE SAID, HAS "EXPRESSED A SERIOUS ATTITUDE IN THE
HANDLING OF THIS MATTER".

5. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE SERIOUS AND SOLEMN ATTITUDE
ADOPTED BY THE US SIDE TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

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6. TIEN P'ING CLOSED BY COMMENTING THAT OTHER CONSULAR

MATTERS COULD BE DISCUSSED LATER ON ANOTHER OCCASION, BUT
IMPLIED A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THESE MATTERS.

7. COMMENT: THE ATMOSPHERE WAS NOTICEABLY MORE RELAXED
AND TIEN PING HIMSELF WAS APPARENTLY IN AN EASIER FRAME OF
MIND. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP HIS COMMENT CONCERNING FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS OF OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS IN A FEW DAYS AND WILL
AGAIN REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT FOR USLO CONSULAR OFFICER. END COMMENT
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